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In re Application of

Gillis, et al.

Application No. 09/731,953

Filed: December 6, 2000

Attorney Docket No. SJO-2000-
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: DECISION ON PETITION
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 15, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-cited application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed March 19, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A proper response to the non-final Office action was not received within the allowable period. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on June 20, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 19, 2003.

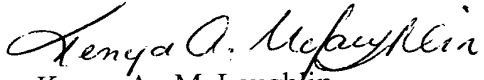
The corrected drawing filed January 15, 2004, is noted.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2600 for further processing.

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